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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – Mexican Mafia Run Jail Crime Like an ‘Illegal Government’

(U) The Mexican Mafia organization is made up of leaders from various Latino gangs operated like an illegal government, collecting “taxes” on smuggled drugs, ordering hits on people who did not follow their rules, and even calling the shots on street crime, according to federal prosecutors. Their clout was diminished as 83 members and associates were charged in a pair of sweeping federal racketeering conspiracies that alleged drug dealing, extortion, violent assaults, and even murders.

SOURCE: 24 May 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Arizona – US National Guard Conducts First Joint Aerial Mission with Border Patrol

(U) Tucson – The US National Guard carried out its first joint aerial mission with the Border Patrol since President Trump ordered the guard deployed to halt illegal immigration, according to US Customs and Border Protection (CBP). The aircrew of a National Guard UH-72 helicopter conducted aerial reconnaissance with the Operation Guardian mission over the Tucson Sector area of operations. Aerial support was requested after CBP agents’ attempt to conduct a vehicle stop after observing five subjects enter a sedan from the desert.

SOURCE: 25 May 2018, [Latin American Herald Tribune](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Indiana – Suspect in Custody After Shots Reportedly Fired at a Indiana Middle School

(U) Woonsocket – Shots were fired this morning at a middle school in Noblesville, Indiana, according to a receptionist for the school district. A suspect is in custody, according to the Noblesville Fire Department. Police said via Twitter that two people were being transported to a hospital. Noblesville West Middle School was on lockdown. The shooting comes a week after 10 people were killed at a school in Santa Fe, Texas. Aerial news video showed lined of students being evacuated and escorted to school buses, Students were being taken to Noblesville High School, where parents can pick them up, police said.

SOURCE: 25 May 2018, [CNN](#)

(U) Rhode Island – 49 People Arrested in Largest Bust in Rhode Island History

(U) Woonsocket – In what officials are describing as the largest bust in state history, Rhode Island State Police announced that a yearlong investigation into motorcycle gangs has resulted in the arrests of 49 people and the seizure of 53 illegal guns and a large quantity of marijuana, crack, cocaine, and heroin. The arrests were made during a coordinated series of pre-dawn raids conducted by the Rhode Island State Police, with assistance from more than 150 state, federal, and local law enforcement officers.

SOURCE: 24 May 2018, [MSN News](#)

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Canada – Canada Police Seek Suspects in Restaurant Bombing, 15 Injured**

(U) Toronto – Canadian police were looking for two suspects who walked into a crowded restaurant and detonated a bomb, injuring 15 people. The blast went off in a popular Indian restaurant in Mississauga, a Toronto suburb, at about 10:30 p.m. local time yesterday. Security camera footage showed two men entering a restaurant, one carrying an object. The explosion caused a considerable amount of damage. There were two private parties at the restaurant at the time with children. The incident did not appear to be a hate crime or linked to international terrorism, according to authorities.

SOURCE: 25 May 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Lebanon – US-Backed Syrian Forces Arrest French ISIS Leader

(U) Beirut – The US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) said yesterday they had arrested a French citizen who headed an Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) group in Syria and had been involved in the Paris and Nice attacks in 2015 and 2016. The man arrested was Adrien Lionel Kayali who was born in 1983 and converted to Islam in 2003, according to authorities. Kayali, who also goes by the name of Abu Osama, had been arrested and then released in France in 2010 on suspicion of belonging to terrorist organizations. French media have reported the captured man is wanted in connection with terrorist activities in France.

SOURCE: 24 May 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Somalia – US Airstrike in Somalia Against al-Shabab Kills Ten Fighters

(U) Mogadishu – The US military says it has carried out an airstrike outside Somalia's capital that killed ten extremists. The US Africa Command says it has carried out 14 such airstrikes so far this year against the al-Qa'ida-linked al-Shabab extremist group, which continues to hold some rural areas of the Horan of Africa nation. Dozens of US airstrikes were carried out last year after the Trump administration approved expanded military operations against al-Shabab, which was blamed for an October 2017 truck bombing in Mogadishu that killed more than 500 people.

SOURCE: 23 May 2018, [Associated Press](#)

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